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INTRODUCTION

This report contains the ground-truth data taken at the Hand County, South Dakota, soil-moisture study site on June 22, 1976. The general location of this site is shown in Figure 1. These data were taken by M. W. Bittinger & Associates, Inc., personnel with assistance from Tom Schmugge, NASA-GSFC.

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The detailed location of the Fand County site is shown in Figure 2. Figure 3 shows the field numbering system used by NASA for this study site. The lines sampled for soil moisture during this mission are also shown in Figure 2. For the sake of clarity the lines have been indicated as "North," "Middle" and "South." It will be noted that these lines are not continuous in some cases but are line segments. These lines were established after a joint field review of cropping patterns and topography. These lines are the same as those previously established and used in the April 27, 1976, mission. (Jones 1976)

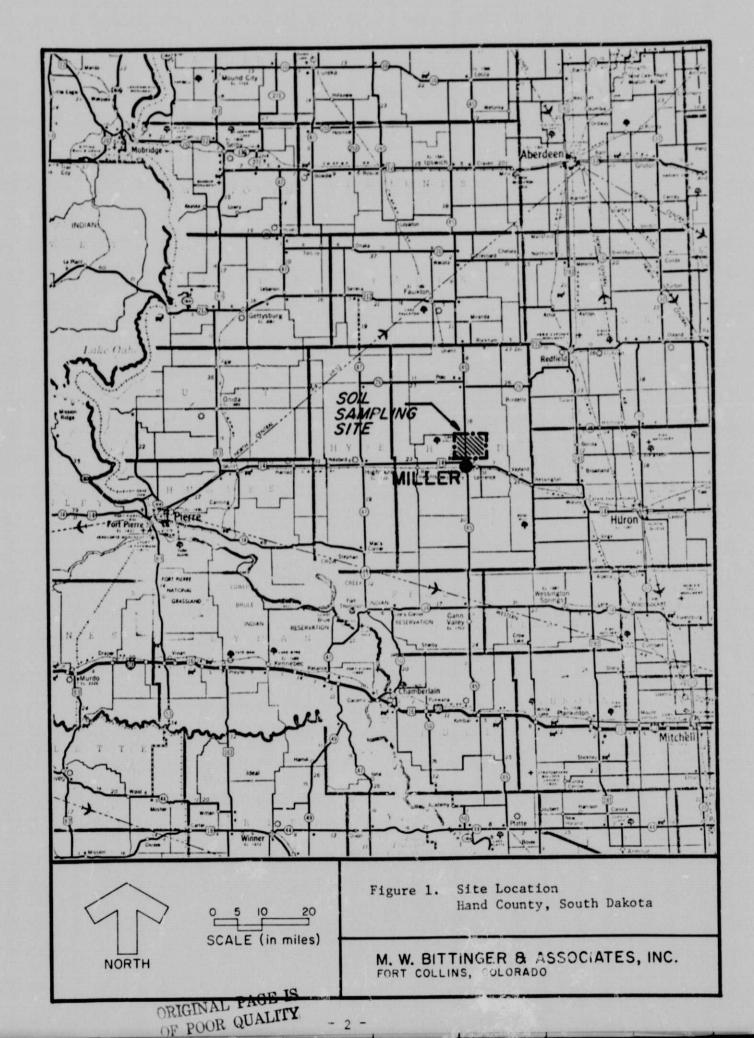
Soil samples were taken in the field and carefully preserved in taped metal containers for later laboratory gravimetric analysis to determine soil-moisture content. The typical sampling pattern used in this mission is illustrated in Figure 4. The sampling pattern used for this mission was considerably reduced from the April 27th mission due to the apparent consistency of the very dry soil conditions. Samples were again taken for three depths at each sampling point—0 to 1 inch, 0 to 2 inches, and 0 to 4 inches.

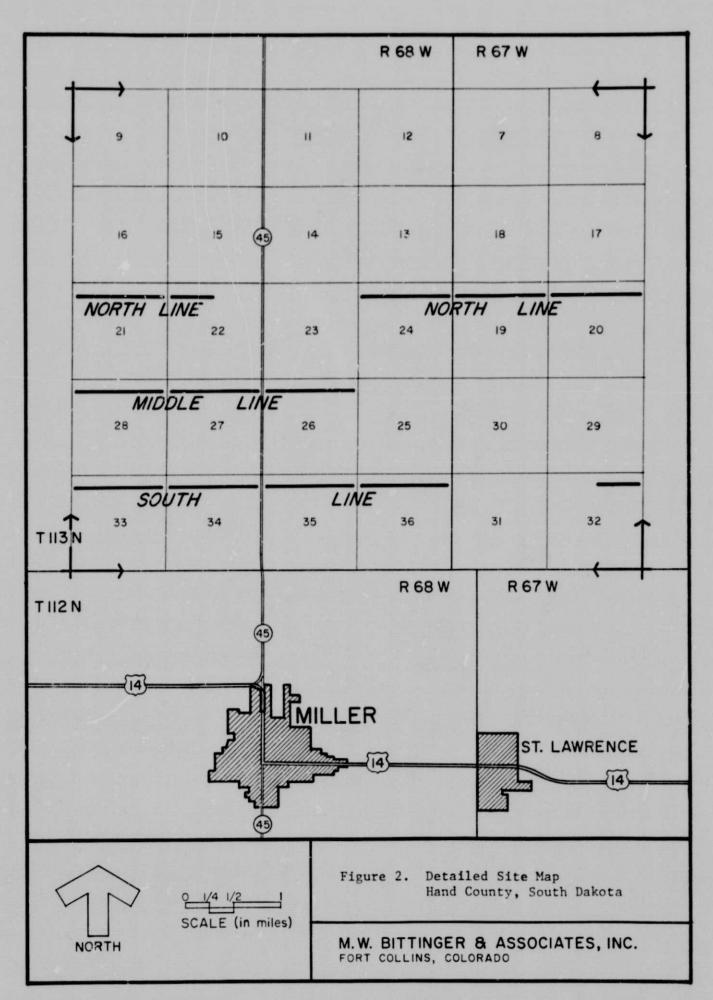
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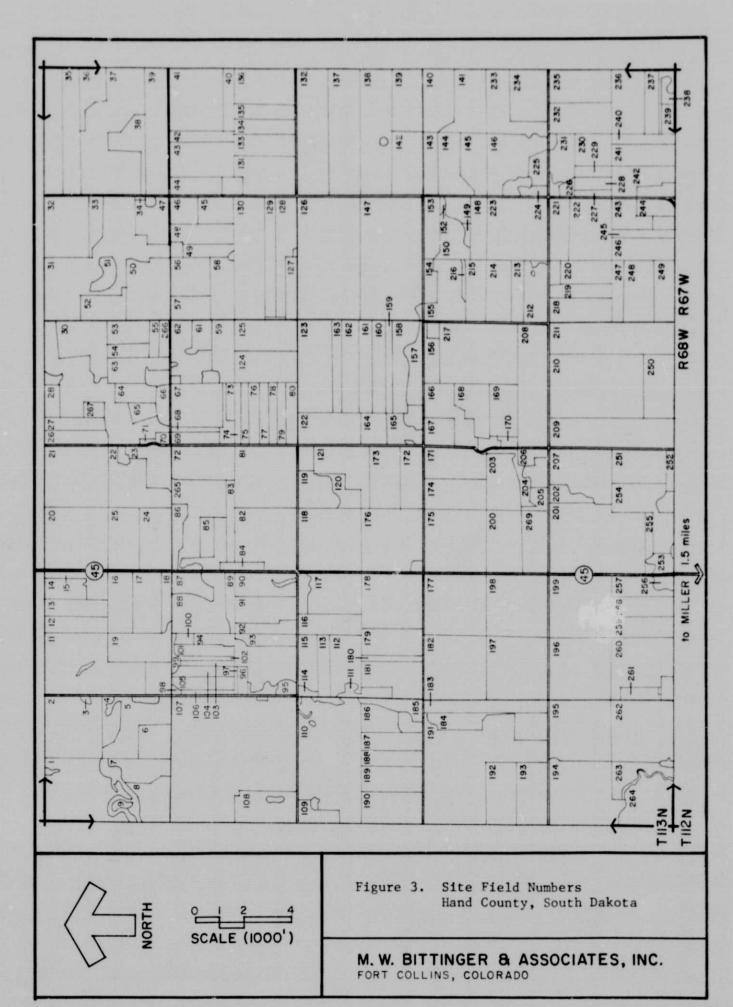
Soil types were determined from the Soil Survey of Hand County, South Dakota (White, Westin and Buntley 1963). The soil types encountered on the soil-moisture lines (Figure 2) are summarized in Table 1.

The actual soil-moisture data are presented in Tables 2 through 14.

The data have been divided by range, township and section. Tables 15 and 16 briefly summarize the soil-moisture data obtained in fields of winter wheat and spring wheat.







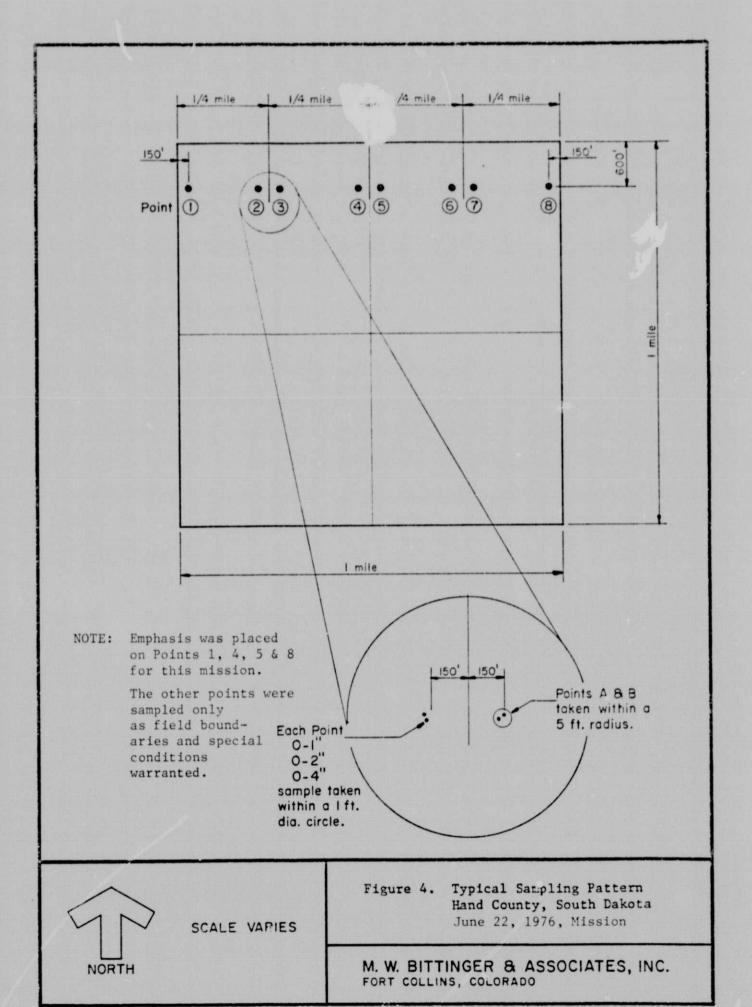


Table 1

Soil Legend 1/

BcA - Bonilla-Cresbard loam, nearly level

ChA - Cavour-Houdek loams, nearly level

HhB - Houdek loam - undulating

HkA - Houdek-Bonilla loams, nearly level

HkB - Houdek-Bonilla loams, undulating

HlA - Houdek-Cavour 'oams, nearly level

H1B - Houdek-Cavour loams, undulating

HuD - Houdek-Zahl loams rolling

LbA - LaDelle silt loam, nearly level

LeA - LaDelle-Aberdeen silty clay loams, nearly level

L1A - LaDelle-Lamoure silt loams, nearly level

MhA - Miranda-Houdek complex nearly level

Tw - Tetonka silt loam, somewhat poorly drained

 $[\]frac{1}{\text{Ref:}}$ White, E. M., Westin, F. C. and G. J. Buntley, 1963.

Table 2 Soil Moisture Missic

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Hand County, South Dakota Site

Data from North Line, Sec. 21 Range 68W Township 113N

Point	NASA Field No.	Soil Type	Horizon (inches)	Soil Tin	Soil Moisture (%)	Remarks
1A	109	HhB	0-1 0-2 0-4	436 356 228	2.2 2.6 5.5	Plowed-out pasture Much organic
1B	109	HhB	0-1 0-2 0-4	441 222 225	2.2 3.6 6.9	Plowed-out pasture
4A	110	н1в	0-1 0-2 0-4	597 468 487	1.5 2.0 3.6	2-fthigh winter wheat, beginning to turn color
4B	110	Н1В	0-1 0-2 0-4	447 461 231	2.0 3.1 3.9	2-fthigh winter wheat
5A	110	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	234 217 595	2.2 2.0 5.5	2-fthigh winter wheat, somewhat greener than 21-4
5B	110	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	350 437 252	1.9 2.5 4.4	1-1/2-fthigh winter wheat, riper than 21-5A
8A	110	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	499 359 429	1.5 2.0 2.3	1-1/2-ft. winter wheat, hillside just above small draw
8B	110	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	444 496 498	4.0 4.7 7.8	2-1/2-ft. winter wheat, bottom of small draw, greener & better wheat than 21-8A

Table 3

Soil Moisture Mission

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Hand County, South Educat Site

Data from North Line, Sec. 22 Range 68W Township 113N

Point	NASA Field No.	Soil Type	Horizon (inches)	Soil Tin	Soil Moisture (%)	Remarks
1A	115	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	431 465 420	1.8 3.1 5.1	6-8" oats, very dry and beginning to burn. Extremely dry and hard at bottom.
1B	115	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	249 246 477	2.1 3.1 4.9	6-8" oats, very dry, starting to burn.
4A	115	HkA	0-1 0-2 0-4	611 403 492	2.3 2.4 5.6	6-8" oats, very dry, starting to burn.
4B	115	HkA	0-1 0-2 0-4	610 414 500	1.9 2.3 5.0	6-8" very dry oats, starting to burn.

Table 4 Soil Moisture Mission June 22, 1976

Hand County, South Dakota Site
Data from North Line, Sec. 24 Range 68W Township 113N

Point	NASA Field No.	Soil Type	Horizon (inches)	Soil Tin	Soil Moisture (%)	Remarks
1.A	122	MhA/ChA	0-1 0-2 0-4	430 579 585	1.8 5.2 7.2	Native pasture, brown and dry
18	122	MhA/ChA	0-1 0-2 0-4	362 401 491	3.8 2.7 8.1	Native pasture, brown and dry
4A	123	ChA	0-1 0-2 0-4	604 588 329	1.4 2.3 3.4	10-12" spring wheat, still green but burned at bottom.
4B	123	ChA	0-1 0-2 0-4	601 591 592	1.3 2.1 3.1	10-12" wheat, still green but burned at bottom.
5A	123	ChA	0-1 0-2 0-4	331 410 344	1.7 1.9 3.2	12-14" spring wheat, still green but start- ing to burn
5B	123	ChA	0-1 0-2 0-4	489 424 578	1.9 1.7 3.7	12-14" spring wheat, still green but start- ing to burn.
8A	123	Tw	0-1 0-2 0-4	925 918 400	1.5 4.4 4.7	12-14" spring wheat, mostly green, some burning at bottom, better than 24-4 & 24-5.
СВ	123	Tw	0-1 0-2 0-4	765 788 781	3.8 4.2 4.2	12-14" spring wheat, mostly green, some burn- ing at bottom.

Table 5 Soil Moisture Mission June 22, 1976

Hand County, South Dakota Site

Data from North Line, Sec. 19 Range 67W Township 113N

Point	NASA Field No.	Soil Type	Horizon (inches)	Soil Tin	Soil Moisture (%)	<u>Remarks</u>
1A	126	ChA	0-1 0-2 0-4	913 327 930	1.6 2.5 3.8	10-12" spring wheat on newly broken pasture, wild oats and various weeds also present, organic matter all layers.
18	126	ShA	0-1 0-2 0-4	369 916 402	1.4 2.1 3.2	Same as 1A
4A	126	ChA	0-1 0-2 0-4	705 325 773	1.4 1.5 3.7	6-8" spring wheat, quite thin, fairly ripe, quite weedy.
4B	126	ChA	0-1 0-2 0-4	932 904 914	1.5 2.2 2.1	Same as 4A
5A	126	ChA	0-1 0-2 0-4	708 716 261	1.5 2.5 4.1	6-8" spring wheat, very thin and weedy, starting to burn.
5B	126	ChA	0-1 0-2 0-4	421 931 774	1.5 2.0 6.2	Same as 5A
8A	126	ChA	0-1 0-2 0-4	761 815 715	6.4* 8.1* 11.1*	Mainly dried cheat grass, some 6-8" spring wheat and weeds, much organic matter.
8B	126	ChA	0-1 0-2 0-4	714 811 697	1.5* 11.4* 9.8*	Almost all dried cheat grass, very little spring wheat, much organic matter

^{*}High values attributed to organic material in sample.

Table 6 Soil Moisture Mission

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Hand County, South Dakota Site

Data from North Line, Sec. 20 Range 67W Township 113N

Dadas	NASA Field	Soil T		So11	<u>Soil</u>	
Point	No.	Type	(inches)	<u>Tin</u>	Moisture (%)	Remarks
1A	132	ChA	0-1	687	2.8	Very thin 6-8" spring
			0-2	696	4.1	wheat, starting to
			0-4	689	5.0	burn, some weeds.
1B	132	ChA	0-1	807	2.3	
			0-2	816	3.2	Same as 1A above
			0-4	809	6.5	
4A	132	HIA	0-1	555	1.8	6-8" spring wheat, thin
			0-2	706	4.9	and very dry, still
			0-4	563	6.7	green but starting to burn.
48	132	HIA	0-1	686	2.0	
			0-2	766	2.8	Like 4A above only
			0-4	711	3.7	wheat is thinner.
5A	132	H1A	0-1	784	2.6	Extremely thin 6-8"
			0-2	789	2.4	spring wheat, beginning
			0-4	790	5.3	to burn badly.
5В	132	H1A	0-1	743	1.5	Like 5A above except
			0-2	771	2.7	wheat is a little
			0-4	671	6.1	taller.
8A	132	Tw	0-1	660	1.8	4-6" spring wheat, very
			0-2	673	2.7	thin and burning badly,
			0-4	649	6.0	some weeds.
8B	132	Tw	0-1	651	1.4	
			0-2	814	2.9	Same as 8A above
			0-4	674	5.7	

Table 7

Joil Moisture Mission

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Hand County, South Dakota Site

Data from Middle Line, Sec. 28 Range 68W Township 113N

Point	NASA Field No.	Soil Type	Horizon (inches)	Soil Tin	Soil Moisture (%)	Remarks
1A	191	HkB	0-1	26	2.9	Pasture grass, very dry
			0-2	23	3.2	
			0-4	34	4.6	
1B	191	HkB	0-:	4	2.5	Pasture grass, very dry
			0-2	11	3.8	
			0-4	12	5.4	
4A	191	HuD	0-1	13	3.4	Pasture grass, dry
			0-2	21	3.4	
			0-4	27	4.6	
4B	191	HuD	0-1	5	3.0	
			0-2	10	5.9	
			0-4	33	3.7	
5A	191	HuD	0-1	35	2.8	
	-		0-2	36	3.6	
			0-4	41	4.6	
5B	191	HuD	0-1	40	3.2	Dried out pasture grass
	term of the same		0-2	47	3.5	
			0-4	48	4.6	

Table 8

Soil Moisture Mission June 22, 1976 Hand County, South Dakota Site Data from Middle Line, Sec. 27 Range 68W Township 113N.

Point	NASA Field No.	Soil Type	Horizon (inches)	Soil Tin	Soil Moisture (%)	<u>Remarks</u>
1A	182	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	37 42 46	1.5 2.1 3.2	Soil temp. 98°F (Av. over 4")
18	182	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	19 28 32	1.5 1.8 4.7	Winter wheat ripening, 24" high
4A	182	HkA	0-1 0-2 0-4	18 29 30	1.3 1.9 3.5	Winter wheat, dry, 15" high, some patches greener and taller.
4B	182	HkA	0-1 0-2 0-4	39 43 45	1.3 1.8 1.9	
5A	177	HkA	0-1 0-4 0-12	7 9 8	1.2 9.4 18.1	0-12" sample was taken. moisture below 4".
5B	177	Hk ₂	0-1 0-2 0-4	6 14 17	1.2 2.1 6.6	Summer fallow
8A	177	HkA	0-1 0-2 0-4	151 152 153	1.3 1.7 8.1	
8B	177	HkA	0-1 0-2 0-4 0-12	145 146 154 168	1.2 2.3 14.4 16.4	0-12" sample taken

Table 9 Soil Moisture Mission

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Data from Middle Line, Sec. 26 Range 68W Townshi; 113N

Point No. Type Horizon Tin Moisture Remarks (inches)	
(Inches) (A)	
1A 175 HkA 0-1 167 1.3 Winter wheat 0-2 169 1.5 18-24" high 0-4 180 3.4	
1B 175 HkA 0-1 160 0.9 Winter wheat 0-2 161 1.8 0-4 176 3.3	
0-9 159 5.0 0-9" sample take 4A 175 ChA 0-1 170 1.1 Winter wheat 18- 0-2 175 1.7 0-4 179 3.3	
4B 175 ChA 0-1 147 1.0 0-2 150 1.3 0-4 162 3.1	
5A 174 ChA 0-1 148 1.1 Alfalfa poor con 0-2 164 1.5 some apparent fr 0-4 165 3.2 damage, 4-5" hig	ost
5B 174 ChA 0-1 149 0.9 0-2 156 1.9 0-4 157 3.5	
6A 174 LbA 0-1 111 m* Alfalfa, frost da 0-2 112 1.5 0-4 122 4.7	maged
6B 174 LbA 0-1 114 1.6 0-2 117 2.7 0-4 119 5.1	
7A 171 LbA 0-1 130 1.4 Recently mown al 0-2 133 2.4 no new growth 0-4 141 7.0	falfa,
7B 171 LbA 0-1 109 1.2 0-2 118 2.1 0-4 143 5.6	

^{*}Label error--sample treated as missing.

Table 9 (continued)

Soil Moisture Mission

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Hand County, South Dakota Site

Data from Middle Line, Sec. 26 Range 68W Township 113N

Point	NASA Field No.	Soil Type	Horizon (inches)	Soil Tin	Soil Moisture (%)	Remarks
8A	171	LeA	0-1 0-2	127 138	1.6	
			0-4	142	6.1	
8B	171	LeA	0-1	125	2.8	
			0-2	129	2.3	
			0-4	134	6.4	

Table 10 Soil Moisture Mission

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Hand Tounty, South Dakota Site

Data from South Line, Sec. 33 Range 68WTownship 113N

Point	NASA Field No.	Soil Type	Horizon (inches)	Soil Tin	Soil Moisture (%)	<u>Remarks</u>
1A	194	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	1250 1254 1255	3.1 4.3 4.7	Pasture - native grass, highly organic.
18	194	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	1253 1251 1249	3.1 5.1 5.7	Pasture - native grass, highly organic.
4A	194	HuD	0-1 0-2 0-4	1242 1247 1258	2.0 2.7 3.5	Pasture - native grass, highly organic.
4B	194	HuD	0-1 0-2 0-4	1240 1244 1248	2.6 3.1 3.1	Pasture - native grass, highly organic.
5A	195	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	1256 1243 1260	1.6 2.2 2.8	Winter wheat near maturity
5В	195	h∢B	0-1 0-2 0-4	1257 1259 1252	1.8 2.5 2.5	Winter wheat near maturity
8A	195	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	1226 1225 1236	1.8 1.9 2.4	Winter wheat near maturity.
8B	195	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	1227 1241 1233	1.9 2.9 4.2	Winter wheat near maturity

Table 11

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Hand County, South Dakota Site

Data from South Line, Sec. 34 Range 68W Township 113N

Point	NASA Field No.	Soil Type	Horizon (inches)	Soil Tin	Soil Moisture (%)	Remarks
1A	196	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	1245 1232 1228	2.5 2.6 2.7	Winter wheat, near maturity
18	196	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	1237 1246 1239	1.8 1.9 2.3	Winter wheat, near maturity
4A	196	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	1230 1234 1238	1.9 2.9 5.2	Winter wheat, near maturity
4B	196	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	1229 1231 1235	1.6 2.4 3.5	Winter wheat, near maturity
5A	199	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	1287 1285 1293	1.5 1.7 2.2	Spring wheat (?), poor stand, organic
5B	199	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	1292 1288 1286	1.2 1.8 2.5	Spring wheat (?), poor stand
8A	199	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	1276 1271 1269	1.3 1.9 2.7	Spring wheat (?), poor stand
8B	199	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	1266 1265 1270	1.2 1.6 2.9	Spring wheat (?), poor stand, high in organics.

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Hand County, South Dakota Site

Data from South Line, Sec. 35 Range 68W Township 113N

Point	NASA Field No.	Soil Type	Horizon (inches)	Soil Tin	Soil Moisture (%)	<u>Remarks</u>
1A	201	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	1267 1261 1273	1.2 3.8 5.3	Disced stubble, summer fallow
18	201	HkB	0-1 0-2 0-4	1268 1272 1262	1.5 3.2 5.5	Disced stubble, summer fallow
4A	201	BhA	0-1 0-2 0-4 6-8	1282 1274 1280 1283	2.1 3.4 3.7 17.2	Disced stubble, summer fallow; special sample 6-8", soil below worked depth.
4B	201	BhA	0-1 0-2 0-4	1277 1263 1296	1.5 2.4 5.1	Disced stubble, summer fallow
5A	202	Tw	0-1 0-2 0-4	1291 1264 1275	1.5 2.9 5.6	Disced stubble, summer fallow
5B	202	Tw	0-1 0-2 0-4	1295 1278 1289	2.4 3.9 4.9	Disced stubble, summer fallow
8A	207	BcA	0-1 0-2 0-4	1279 1290 1284	1.3 2.3 3.1	Disced stubble, summer fallow (appears to be recent)
8B	207	BcA	0-1 0-2 0-4 10-12	1294 1281 1326 1330	1.6 2.7 2.9 6.3	Same as 8A above

Table 13

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Data from South Line, Sec. 36 Range 68W Township 113N

Point	NASA Field No.	Soil Type	Horizon (inches)	Soil Tin	Soil Moisture (%)	Remarks
1A	209	BcA	0-1 0-2 0-4 8-10	1323 1322 1329 1321	0.9 1.4 3.6 7.4	Spring wheat
18	209	BcA	0-1 0-2 0-4	1328 1327 1324	1.0 2.7 4.8	Spring wheat
4A	210	BcA	0-1 0-2 0-4	1310 1318 1319	3.1 2.7 4.2	Winter wheat
4B	210	BcA	0-1 0-2 0-4	1312 1314 1309	0.8 2.2 5.1	Winter wheat
5A	210	BcA	0-1 0-2 0-4	1313 1331 1311	1.0 2.6 4.1	Winter wheat
5B	210	BcA	0-1 0-2 0-4	1317 1332 1325	1.1 1.9 3.5	Winter wheat
8A	211	BcA	0-1 0-2 0-4	1304 1301 1315	1.2 2.4 5.3	Grass pasture
8B	211	BcA	0-1 0-2 0-4	1320 1300 1308	1.0 2.8 3.9	Grass pasture

Table 14

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Hand County, South Dakota Site

Data from South Line, Sec. 32 Range 67W Township 113N

Point	NASA Field No.	Soil Type	Horizon (inches)	Soil Tin	Soil Moisture (%)	Remarks
6A	232	HkA	0-1 0-2 0-4	1307 1316 1303	0.7 2.3 6.3	Scrawny corn
6B	232	HkA	0-1 0-2 0-4 6-9	1299 1297 1298 1302	1.5 2.8 4.7 16.5	Scrawny corn Special sample
7A	235	HkA	0-1 0-2 0-4	1357 1306 1362	1.4 2.4 6.0	Pasture grass
7В	235	HkA	0-1 0-2 0-4	1305 1358 1361	2.1 2.8 7.5	Pasture grass

Table 15

Winter Wheat Soil Moisture by Selected Fields

Line	N	<u>M</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>s</u>	
Field	110	182	175	195	196	210	Weighted means
0"-1"							
x	2.2%	1.4%	1.1%	1.8%	2.0%	1.5%	1.7%
$\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}$	0.9%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%	1.1%	-
n	6	4	4	4	4	4	26
0"-2"							
x	2.7%	1.9%	1.6%	2.4%	2.5%	2.4%	2.3%
σ _x		0.1%		0.4%		0.4%	-
n	6	4	4	4	4	4	26
0"-4"							
$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	4.6%	3.3%	3.3%	3.0%	3.7%	4.2%	3.8%
$\sigma_{\mathbf{x}}$	1.9%	1.2%	0.1%	0.8%	1.1%	0.7%	
n	6	4	4	4	4	4	26
Dominant							
soil	HkB	HkB	ChA	HkB	HkB	BcA	
type							

Table 16

Spring Wheat Soil Moisture by Selected Fields

Line	<u>N</u>	N	<u>N</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>s</u>	
Field	1151/	123	132	199	209	Weighted means
0"-1"						
\overline{x} σ_{x}		1.9%	2.0%	1.3% 0.1%	1.0% 0.1%	1.7%
n		6	8	4	2	20
0"-2"						
$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$		2.8%	3.2%	1.8%	2.1%	2.7%
σ _X n		1.2%	0.9%	0.1%	0.9%	20
0"-4"						
\overline{x} σ_X		3.7% 0.6%	5.6%	2.6% 0.3%	4.2% 0.8%	4.3%
n		6	8	4	2	20
Dominant soil type	HkB HkA	Cha	Tw HkA H1A	HkB	BcA	

 $[\]frac{1}{T}$ This field was replanted to oats.

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